

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pending claims 1, 14, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,778,023 (Christensen). Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 6, indicated to include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable.

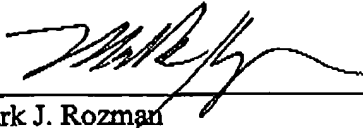
Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 15, indicated to include allowable subject matter. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that claims 14, 16 and 17 are patentable.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 11-13, 23-32, and 34-38 stand allowed.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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